at in the Special Tripartite Committee meeting on 9th April, 1994 despite the assurance given by him and the Prime Minister to the trade union delegation on 15th December to do it within 2-3 days;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Finance Ministry is withholding the approval because of particuarly two points in the agreement, namely (a) no privatisation and (b) nationalisation of the 15 Taken Over Mills;

(c) whether UTI has finally agreed to take the surplus lands in the NTC mills at Rs. 2,400 -crores, if so, the reasons for the agreement being still held up in the Cabinet;

(d) whether it is a fact that the non-approval of the agreement is resulting in mounting losses to the NTC and workers wages are not being paid regularly; and

(e) if so, by when the Cabinet approval is likely to be given to the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (e) The Textile Research Associations have prepared plans for modernisation of the NTC mills, involving an investment of Rs. 2005.72 crores The modernisation plans include restructuring of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable mills. The Labour Ministry's Special Tripartite Committee on the NTC has recommended, inter-alia, that the NTC mills as well as its taken over mills can be made viable by modernisation as proposd by the Textile Reearch Associations, and that tht surplus land and other assets of the NTC mills, be mayndisposed of and 'the proceeds utilised by the management for modernisation, working qapital, etc. The Unit Trust of India has also agreed in principle to purchase surplus land owned by the NTC in different cities in India. However, no decision bias been finalised by NTC|UTT|IDBI with regard to sale|purohase of specific pieces of land. Various details of the modernisation plans, including 'source of funding etc. are being examined in Government and no decision has been taken so far. Since the cases of 8 out of 9 subsidiaries of the NTC have been referred to the BIFR, any final scheme that may emerge would require the approval of the BIFR.

2. Meawhile, NTC is being given non-plan loans to meet its wage bills.

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के कर्मचारियों को पेंशन लाभ

346. श्री मूलचन्द मीणा : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के कर्मचारियों को पेंशन लाभ देने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी) : (क) और (ख) श्रम मंत्रालय ने सूचित किया है कि सरकार ने सभी कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि अंशदाताओं के लिए पेंशन योजना शुरु करने का निर्णय लिया है । यह योजना एन टी सी के उन सभी कामगारों पर लागू होगी जो कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि तथा एम पी अधिनियम, 1952 के अन्तर्गत आते हैं । इस योजना में छंटनी, सेवा निवृत्ति, मृत्यु, स्थाई अपंगता आदि जैसी आकस्मिकताओं में मासिक पेंशन के भुगतान का प्रावधान है । अधिनियम में संशोधन करने के लिए एक विधेयक पहले ही राज्य सभा में पेश कर दिया गया है ताकि सरकार पेंशन लागू कर सके ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।